

Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, General Accounting Office; Olney Patt, Jr., Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish, Portland, Oregon; Charles Wilkinson, University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder; Bill Frank, Jr., Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, and Jim Anderson, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, both of Olympia, Washington; Dave Herrera, Skokomish Tribe, Shelton, Washington; Mel Moon, Quileute Tribe, Forks, Washington; Gary Aitken, Sr., Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Spokane, Washington; and Terry Gibson, Shoshone Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada.

ASBESTOS LITIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: On June 4, 2003, Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from Senators Hagel and Murray; Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; James D. Crapo, National Jewish Medical Research Center, Denver, Colorado; Laura Stewart Welch, Center to Protect Workers Rights, Silver Spring, Maryland; John E. Parker, University of West Virginia Department of Medicine, Morgantown, West Virginia;

Mark A. Peterson, Legal Analysis Systems, Thousand Oaks, California; Fred Dunbar, National Economic Research Associates, and Robert Hartwig, Insurance Information Institute, both of New York, New York; Eric D. Green, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; and Jennifer L. Biggs, Tillinghast-Towers Perrin, St. Louis, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 116, commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Al Lerner; and

The nominations of Richard C. Wesley, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, J. Ronnie Greer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Mark R. Kravitz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and John A. Woodcock, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and R. Hewitt Pate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, David B. Rivkin, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, and Harlon Eugene Costner, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 2344–2390; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 208–211, and H. Res. 260, 261, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Very Rev. Ernesto Medina, Provost, Episcopal Cathedral Center of St. Paul, Los Angeles, California.

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Member Sworn—Nineteenth Congressional District of Texas: Representative-elect Randy Neugebauer presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier the Majority Leader asked unanimous consent that the Oath of Office be administered today after the Clerk of the House transmitted the unofficial results of the Special Runoff Election

held on Tuesday, June 3 from Ann McGeehan, Director of Elections, State of Texas.

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Check Clearing for the 21st Century—Check 21 Act: The House passed H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system by yeas-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 246.

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Pursuant to the rule the Committee on Financial Services amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–132) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of an amendment.

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Agreed to:

Hart amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record that changes the short title to the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act or the Check 21 Act.

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Agreed to H. Res. 256, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 243.

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Joint Committee to Review House and Senate Rules Pertaining to the Continuity of Congress: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 190, to establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people. The concurrent resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of June 4.

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Rule Providing for Consideration of Senate Bills: The House agreed to H. Res. 258, the rule that provided for consideration of S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park by recorded vote of 229 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 245. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 244.

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Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act: The House passed S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona by yea-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 247—clearing the measure for the President.

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Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act: S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park by yea-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 248—clearing the measure for the President.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of June 9.

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Meeting Hours—Monday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 10: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9 for morning hour debate; and further that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 5.

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Late Report: The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure received permission to have until midnight on Friday, June 6 to file a report to accompany H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H4981.

Referral: S. 1047, S. 1048, and S. 1049 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4995–96, H5021, H5021–22, H5022, H5029–30, and H5030. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from James E. Newsome, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

“CONSUMER DIRECTED SERVICES: IMPROVING MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES’ ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE”

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Consumer Directed Services: Improving Medicaid Beneficiaries’ Access to Quality Care.” Testimony was heard from Terry White, Secretary, Department of Elder Affairs, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

SECURITIES FRAUD DETERRENCE AND INVESTOR RESTITUTION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 2179, Securities Fraud Deterrence and Investor Restitution Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Stephen M. Cutler, Director, Division of Enforcement, SEC; and public witnesses.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION EXTENSION; OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 858, to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; and H.R. 2086,